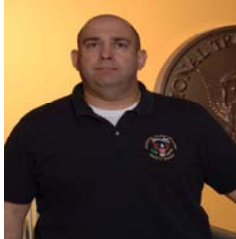


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Erik R. Grosof

Erik R. Grosof is the Assistant to the Director-Operations for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), Office of Transportation Disaster Assistance. He joined the Safety Board in November 1997, bringing with him 8 years of airline and airport operational experience and 10 years in law enforcement.

Since joining the NTSB, he has been working on transportation disaster pre-planning, training, and resource coordination with domestic and international air carriers along with airports, emergency management and law enforcement agencies.

Within hours following the World Trade Center attacks, he was dispatched to New York City to serve as the NTSB's lead representative to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at their Command Post in lower Manhattan. He also supplied technical direction on victim issues to the American and United Airlines response teams assigned to New York City.

Mr. Grosof was at Lexington, Kentucky for the crash of Comair 5191, Kirksville, Missouri for the crash of American Connection Flight 5966, Jefferson City, Missouri for the crash of a Pinnacle Airlines Regional Jet, Charlotte, North Carolina for the crash of US Airways Express Flight 5481, New York City for the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 and Tallahassee, Florida for the crash of FedEx Flight 1478, Little Rock, Arkansas for the crash of American Airlines Flight 1420, Rhode Island for the crash of EgyptAir Flight 990 and California for the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261. He has been involved in NTSB regional aviation, highway, marine, and railroad and pipeline investigations.

Erik is the designated liaison between the NTSB and the FBI Evidence Response Team (ERT) leadership at Quantico, VA and coordinates all NTSB requests for FBI ERT assets. He also serves as an adjunct instructor at the FBI's National Academy located at Quantico, Virginia.

Eric has completed the NTSB Basic Aviation Investigation Course and the Department of Transportation Safety Institute's Cabin Safety Investigators Course. He is a graduate of the FBI's Basic Post Blast School and the FBI's Basic Evidence ERT training. He is a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Crisis Management Training course; Office of Personnel Management's Crisis Leadership Course and holds a BS in Criminal Justice.

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Paul Sledzik is the Manager-Victim Recovery and Identification for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), Office of Transportation Disaster Assistance. Before joining the Board in 2004, he served as a forensic anthropologist and museum curator at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) for fifteen years.

From 1997 to 2003, he was the team leader for the Region 3 (mid-Atlantic) Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT), a division of the US Department of Homeland Security. In this capacity, he managed a team of 100 forensic scientists and mortuary specialists in training and mass fatality response. He participated in victim identification and recovery efforts following several notable events: cemetery floods in Missouri, Georgia, and North Carolina, the Oklahoma City bombing and EgyptAir 990. He was the DMORT team leader for the response to the crash Executive Air in 2000 and the crash of United 93 on September 11, 2001. As a forensic anthropologist with the AFIP, he provided victim identification support for the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner in Desert Storm, USAir 427 and Iraqi Freedom. With the NTSB, he responded to aviation accidents in Cincinnati, Ohio; Kirksville, Missouri; Pueblo, Colorado; False River, Louisiana; Sudan, Africa; Miami, Florida; and Lexington, Kentucky. At the NTSB, Paul coordinates victim identification services for the medical examiner and coroner offices responding to transportation accidents.

Mr. Sledzik has served as a consultant for the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command/Central Identification Laboratory, the National Center for Forensic Science, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the US Solid Biological and Chemical Command, and the Smithsonian Institution. He is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Paul's scientific articles have appeared in several professional journals and textbooks. He earned a BA from the University of Rhode Island in 1984 and an MS from the University of Connecticut in 1988.